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LOS ANGELES

A world health conference will be held at University of California at Los Angeles next October 6 and 7 with international authorities scheduled to discuss the major health problems facing the world.

The conference will be sponsored by the UCLA Schools of Public Health and Medicine, University of California Extension, College of Medical Evangelists, University of Southern California Medical School, Los Angeles County Medical Association, the Southern California Public Health Association, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and the American Association for the United Nations Southern California State Council, with the participation of the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

Such world health problems as nutrition, environmental health, mental health, communicable and infectious diseases, nursing care and health education in underdeveloped countries will be included in the program. Six internationally known speakers sent by the World Health Organization will highlight the conference. Outstanding speakers from the United States, with some emphasis on the western states, will also appear on the program.

NEVADA

Dr. Elbridge J. Best, formerly of San Francisco, has been appointed health officer part-time for Nevada County. The new health officer had retired in 1954 to the county of his birth and now is not engaged in private practice.

SAN FRANCISCO

The College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco's 65-year-old dental school, and the Presbyterian Medical Center have signed a contract whereby the College of Physicians and Surgeons will build a new dental school as an integrated unit of the Presbyterian Medical Center.

This joint announcement was made by John R. Little, president of the board of trustees of the Medical Center, and Francis J. Herz, D.D.S., president of the board of trustees of the dental college.

The college has obtained through purchase and "lease-loan" approximately 30,000 square feet of property at the northwest corner of Sacramento and Webster streets in the heart of San Francisco.

"The new dental college," Dr. Herz stated, "is being designed for 400 students—100 per class—or almost double the current enrollment."

Mr. Little and Dr. Herz said that the College of Physicians and Surgeons, which has operated exclusively as a school of dentistry since 1923, will become an integral part of the Presbyterian Medical Center but will maintain its own identity, conduct its own operations and be financially independent of the center.

To coordinate the work of the Medical Center and the school of dentistry, one representative of the Medical Center will be elected to the new nine-man board of trustees of the College of Physicians and Surgeons while two representatives of the dental college will become members of the Center's 27-man Board.

Dr. John J. Sampson of San Francisco was installed as president of the California Heart Association at the recent annual meeting of the organization in Anaheim. Dr. Harney M. Cardua, Jr., of San Diego was elected president-elect. Dr. William Thomas and Mr. Lloyd Graybiel, both of San Francisco, were elected vice-presidents. Dr. Clayton H. Klakeg, president of the Santa Barbara Heart Association, was elected to the board of directors of the state association.

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The gold headed cane, given each year to the senior student of the University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, who is deemed to have best represented the qualities of a physician, was awarded this year to Edward McCord Neal, who lives in San Bruno. He was selected for the honor by vote of his classmates and members of the faculty. Dr. Neal, who is 30 years of age, married and the father of two children, will stay on at U.C. Medical Center for his internship.

Surl Nielsen of Whittier and Roger Freeman of Los Angeles were runners-up for the award.

Another award, the Borden award of \$500 for encouragement of research, went to **Donald Jay Lawrence**, also a senior. It was given for his research on metaplasia of keratinous epithelia.

The National League for Nursing, New York, has announced the appointment of Marion G. Miller of San Francisco as director of nursing programs on the staff of its western office. The new office, in the California Medical Association Building, 693 Sutter Street, San Francisco, opened in March of this year to assist constituent Leagues for Nursing and nursing service and educational agencies of the region in activities to improve nursing in the West. Miss Miller joined the western staff on July 1.

A former member of the NLN national staff, Miss Miller comes to her new post with the League from San Francisco State College where she has been assistant professor in nursing since 1959.

SISKIYOU

Dr. Roy F. Schlappi was named Yreka's man of the year at a banquet of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce in June and was presented with a commemorative plaque. Dr. Schlappi was cited for "charitable work that cannot be itemized."

GENERAL

The California Nurses' Association has scheduled an Institute on Medico-Legal Aspects of Nursing Practice on November 3 and 4 in Santa Monica.

Among the subjects for discussion will be drug administration, legal aspects of communication, special legal relationships, and professional negligence and liability. Representatives from and legal counsel for California Nurses' Association, California Medical Association, California Hospital Association and Insurance Companies will participate in the program. Further information may be obtained from Marian Alford, executive director of the California Nurses Association, 185 Post Street, San Francisco 8.